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Dear Ms. Lipton:

This is in response to the above referenced Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request. Specifically, you requested information related to various FOIA costs, staffing and activities for 2017-2019.

The Freedom of Information Act allows you to request any records not already required to be made available pursuant to 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(1) or (a)(2). The majority of the records you request are already available to the public. As such, the Federal Bureau of Prisons (BOP) is not required to release those records. See 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(3). Information on BOP FOIA staffing, costs, contact information for the FOIA officer and Public Liaison, fee waiver stats, FOIA fees collected and other statistical information is publicly available on the web. You may access this information at <https://www.foia.gov/>, then click on Agency FOIA data, Annual data, and select Department of Justice (DOJ) as the Agency from the pull down menu. You may then select BOP as the Component under DOJ and choose various types of reports for the system to generate by specific year, including the vast majority of information you seek.

The FOIA Officer information is available at <https://www.justice.gov/oip/find-foia-contact-doj/list> and additional BOP FOIA information may be found at www.bop.gov/foia/. Finally, DOJ Annual FOIA Reports and Chief FOIA Officer Reports are available at <https://www.justice.gov/oip> and these reports contain additional information that you may find useful.

In regard to your request for information related to FOIA requester categories for 2017 and 2018, and FOIA fee projections and collections for 2017 and 2018, staff located 356 pages of responsive records, which were forwarded to this office for a release determination. After careful review, we determined 351 pages are appropriate for release in full and 5 pages are appropriate for release in part. Copies of released records are attached.

Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552, records that were redacted were redacted under (b)(6), which permits withholding of records and information about individuals when disclosure would be a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

I trust this is responsive to your request. If you have questions about this response please feel free to contact the undersigned, this office, or the Federal Bureau of Prisons' (BOP) FOIA Public Liaison, Mr. C. Darnell Stroble at 202-616-7750, 320 First Street NW, Suite 936, Washington DC 20534, or ogc_efoia@bop.gov.

Additionally, you may contact the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) at the National Archives and Records Administration to inquire about the FOIA mediation services they offer. The contact information for OGIS is as follows: Office of Government Information, Services, National Archives and Records Administration, Room 2510, 8601 Adelphi Road, College Park, Maryland 20740-6001; e-mail at ogis@nara.gov; telephone at 202-741-5770; toll free at 1-877-684-6448; or facsimile at 202-741-5769.

If you are not satisfied with my response to this request, you may administratively appeal by writing to the Director, Office of Information Policy (OIP), United States Department of Justice, Suite 11050, 1425 New York Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20530-0001, or you may submit an appeal through OIP's FOIAonline portal by creating an account at: <https://www.foiaonline.gov/foiaonline/action/public/home>. Your appeal must be postmarked or electronically transmitted within 90 days of the date of my response to your request. If you submit your appeal by mail, both the letter and the envelope should be clearly marked "Freedom of Information Act Appeal."

Sincerely,

C. Crews

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